

Timberbank JPS School Council

Minutes from January 13, 2014 Meeting



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Nick Carasis (Co-Chair), Lisa Ferguson (Co-Chair and Caring & Safe Schools Rep), Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Tilley Creary (Secretary) and Lynn Greenwood, Gerald Jones.

Regrets:

Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), SiYou Li, BingHui Lian.

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
Agenda items		
Approval of minutes	Minutes from December meeting Approved.	➤ Gerald, 2 nd Lynn
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The winter concert raffle brought in a lower total than in previous years. This year \$562. ➤ School Council = \$4352.80 	
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principal's Report</u> <u>Jan. 13th, 2014</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Christmas Concert – thanks to all for their hard work along with selling of raffle for School Council – made \$562 / Caroling on the last day was great and Santa visited us again! 2. Welcome to Ms Shelly Sookraj for Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Jonathon Rands for Mrs. Spirou. They will be with us until the end of June. We will be posting the LTO for Mrs. Jeung's position next. 3. Challenging holiday break for our caretaking staff / building; letter was sent home on the first day of school informing parents of the water damage; repairs being made 4. Full day kindergarten – registration set for February 19th – spread the word 	

5. Term 1 report cards to be going home on February 11th; JK students will get the JK summary in February and observation visits/parent meetings will be set up for SK students who do not get a formal report card now
6. Fundraising:
 - Move-a-thon set for Friday, February 21st all day in the gym
 - Sponsor sheets to go home on Friday, January 31st...students to collect pledges and then submit forms and money by Monday, February 24th
 - Funds can either be dedicated to getting the iPads or held on to for the bigger project of our playground
7. Next Spirit Day: January 30th – Red Day with our On TRACK (Attitude and Achievement) assembly in celebration of Lunar New Year
8. Big Kid Entertainment – presentation January 21st in the afternoon; anti-bullying theme; “Jack and the Giant”; actors followed up with visits in the classroom
9. Enrichment Program for all: Agility Challenge on January 29th for all students; schedule will be set up so that students rotate through a variety of physical agility challenges
10. PALS program (Playground and Houseleague leaders) will begin again; grade 4 to 6 students being trained to provide houseleague games at lunch
11. Dance club begins on Friday, January 17th; every Friday at lunch until end of May; two Jamborees to attend; dates to be announced
12. Girls Volleyball Season – team has been selected; league style play which means the team travels to other schools. Games scheduled: Jan 15th at Timberbank; January 20th (away); January 27th at Timberbank
13. Movie Night – need to change the original date due to the girls volleyball home game on January 27th; now on January 30th
14. Coming Up:
 - January 17th – Financial Literacy Workshop for all grade 4-6 students
 - January 21st – presentation in the gym “Jack and the Giant”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 24th – PA Day; Reporting and Assessment day • January 27th – 10:30am presentation from Toronto Foundation for Student Success • January 28th – School Support Team meeting • January 29th – Agility Challenge K-6 in the gym all day • February 3rd – Black History Month Story Teller • February 7th – Grad Photos • February 11th – Report Cards for Term 1 go home • February 13th – evening parent/teacher interviews only; no interview Day in February • February 17th – Family Day • February 19th – Kindergarten Registration • February 21st – “Move-a-thon” Fundraiser 	
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Outreach grant decision / direction for application</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter concert survey results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anti-Bullying – 4 ○ Family Game Night – 30 ○ Parent Night – How to help kids succeed in school – 10 ○ Healthy Living seminars – 18 • Council members agreed that a family game night with a section for healthy living would give us the best chance for a successful grant application • Food for these events is usually the biggest cost (approx. \$500) • Receipts must be submitted for audit • Schools can submit multiple grant applications • Submissions deadlines are usually announced in April/May with a due date of one month later. 2. <u>Selection of a large fundraiser target to rally around yes / no</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball field or soccer field (is feasible, Anna is working on getting estimates) 	<p>Anna will bring the grant application template to the next meeting.</p>

- New Pr/Jr playground is needed over a new Kinder playground. Equipment these days usually have a kinder section built in that could make up for the loss of a separate kinder playground in the kinder fenced in area.
- Not likely that we would be allowed to burn-in a soccer field due to a negative environmental impact.
- Big-ticket adult themed events could possible bring in extra money.
- Normally Parent Council uses the money they raise to fund items and events that are not in the school budget.
- Group agrees that a portion of school council funds raised should now be earmarked for a large capitol expense.
- Parent council funds must be completely spent by the end of the school year unless earmarked for a multi-year capitol expense fundraising effort.
- Council agrees that a specific amount from raised funds should be used for the regular items that council usually pays for, all overflow should be designated for the capitol expense pool.
- Council agrees that all overflow funds should be designated for a new Pr/Jr playground to replace the current one whose lifespan is close to its end.
- Add a note to the next school newsletter to inform the community of our new fundraising goal.
- GJ – can we offer a contest to the student body – design your dream playground – that will help build interest?

3. **Movie night**

- Volunteers needed >Gerald & Mary J, Tilley C, Lynn G.
- Date needs to be moved due to a conflict with the volleyball tournament scheduled for the same day.
- New date – Thursday January 30th
- Movie is Despicable Me 2
- Feb movie will be Monsters University

4. **Move-a-thon – go/no go?**

Anna will look into the associated costs of putting in a new playground structure so we have a better idea of the total cost involved outside of the structure itself.

- Move-a-thon is a go (will replace annual chocolate fundraiser)
- Sponsor sheets will be sent home Jan. 31st
- Students will have 3 weeks to collect sponsors
- Move-a-thon will be held on Friday February 21st
- 1.5hrs in the morning (K – Gr.3)
- 1.5 hrs in the afternoon (Gr. 4-6)
- We need prizes that can be offered as incentive to top earning students.

Parents to let Anna know if they are able to procure prizes from local businesses by January 27th.

5. Parking in restricted areas

- Suggestion has been made to put notes on cars parking/stopping illegally.
- Policing cars would be difficult
- The message of where to drive/park/stop safely has been put out in every issue of the school newsletter
- Police Services has been contacted to see if we can get a crossing guard.
- Community Officers have given Anna yellow flyers to put on cars.

Group will think of additional ways that we can inform families of safer ways to drop off students during the morning rush.

6. Spring Fair

- If the Spring Fair gets rained out, the rain date will be in the fall
- The company providing services must be approved and insured
- In previous years each class has provided items for a theme basket that can be auctioned off
- Need sponsors to donate cash
- Garage sale table?
- Spa services donated by aesthetics students?
- Pony rides?
- Reptilia?

Mike will bring the event list from last year to the next meeting so that the council can decide which ones to use for this year's fair.

7. Round Table

- Can parents donate books to the school library replace those

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	<p>lost in the flooding over the holidays?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna received \$7120 insurance to replace damaged book inventory. Books must be purchased from an approved board vendor.• Are there organizations that we can donate books to raise awareness within the student body?• Can parents donate gently used games? <p>8. Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Anna will look into orgs that accept book donations.</p> <p>Gently used games can be donated to the school's lunchroom game supply.</p>
Adjournment	Next meeting to be on Monday February 3, 2014, 2013 at 6:30pm.	

NEXT MEETING

Monday February 3, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Timberbank Junior Public School